

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 13 December 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 8, 24, 27, 28, 33 and 34.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061213
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 13 December 2006 has been entered and considered.

Claims / Examiner's Amendment

Claims 5, 6, 25, and 26 were canceled by Applicant in the response filed 26 June 2006 which effected cancellation of their dependent claims 7 and 30-32 as cited on page 2 of the Office Action mailed 20 September 2006. For the record, claims 7 and 30-32 are hereby canceled by examiner's amendment due to their dependency upon canceled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 8, 24, 27-28, and 33-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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As to claims 1, 24, and 28, relevant prior art of record did not disclose, alone or in combination, the liquid crystal display module for a notebook computer as claimed comprising: a bottom cover; a light guide panel; a reflector adjacent to the bottom cover and the light guide panel, the reflector including a first hole; and a main support being adjacent to bottom cover and having a protrusion extending a predetermined distance from a surface of the main support and engaged with the first hole; wherein the bottom cover includes a second hole for receiving the protrusion.

The closest combination is Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Furihata USPAT 6,309,081 B1.

APA discloses in Figures 1-3 a conventional liquid crystal display module for a notebook computer (specification page 7, [0033]), comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel, 20, in which a liquid crystal is injected between two substrates; a light guide panel, 4, for converting incident light from a light source to be directed toward the liquid crystal display panel (Applicant's flat type light), wherein the converted light is directed toward said liquid crystal display panel (specification, page 2); a reflector, 8, for preventing light leakage through a rear surface for the light guide panel (Applicant's wrapping the bottom surface of said light guide panel); a main support, 6, containing said liquid crystal display panel and said light guide panel.

Furihata teaches a backlight unit in Figure 1 comprising a clamping member, 300, disposed in said reflector, [60 and 300 comprise a two-piece reflector, col. 4, lines 20-32], and adjacent said main support for fixing them (col. 4, lines 62-67), and 2) a

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portion of an upper surface of said reflector, 60 and 300, is adjacent to a bottom surface of said light guide panel, 20, and wherein a portion of said upper surface of said reflector, 300, is non-adjacent to said bottom surface of said light guide panel, to provide proper assembly without an adhesive (col. 4, lines 59-61).

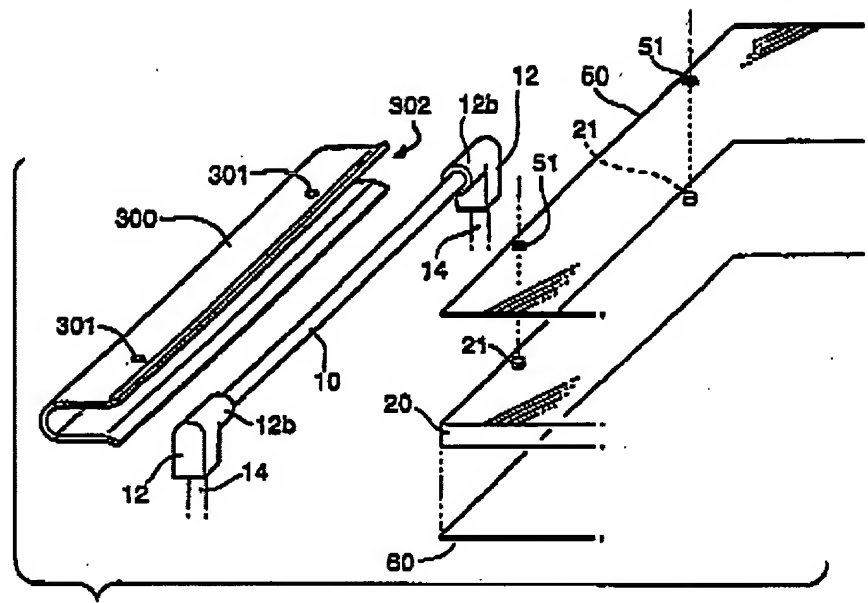


Fig. 1

(a)

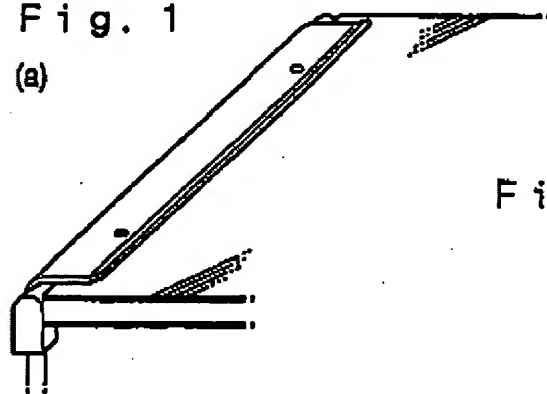
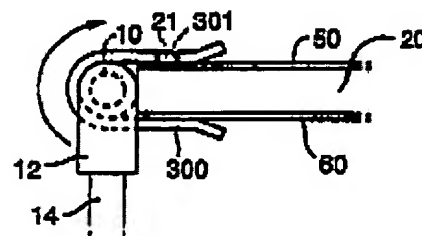


Fig. 1

(b)

Fig. 1

(c)



However, no prior art with proper motivation to combine was found to teach the claimed reflector including a first hole; and a main support being adjacent to bottom cover and having a protrusion extending a predetermined distance from a surface of the main support and engaged with the first hole; wherein the bottom cover includes a

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second hole for receiving the protrusion. IDS filed 13 December 2006 contains similar teachings, but said IDS contains nothing that is considered to render the above limitations of the claimed invention obvious.

Claims 2-4, 8, 27, and 33-34 properly depend from claims with allowable subject matter above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L. Rude whose telephone number is (571) 272-2301. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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